

**Child Development Policy Advisory Committee**  
**November 1, 2001**  
**Executive Committee Meeting Notes**

On November 1, 2001, CDPAC's Executive Committee met in Los Angeles. The meeting was held in the South because that majority of Executive Committee members live in that area. The meeting was attended by members *Kathy Malaske-Samu, Marie Poulsen, Robert Orsi, Dianne Philibosian* and *Mary Emmons*; staff: *Kay Ryan, Sharron Goldstein* and *Sharon Rea Zone*; and one guest: *Barbara DuBransky, Los Angeles County Proposition 10 Program Officer*.

The Director's Report included information about the Kit for New Parents, which was being released at a press event across town by the California Children and Families Commission. The Commission had made a kit available to us and members were impressed with the straight-forward and well-edited print materials and excellent videos. Barbara told us that each County can customize the kit to meet local needs. Los Angeles County will include a list of local resources and a baby blanket. More information about the Kits is available from CCFC's toll-free information lines (800) KIDS-025 (English) or (800) 5-0-NIÑOS (Spanish).

Members questioned distribution plans for the Kits beyond the initial rollout and asked staff to prepare a letter requesting that the Commission also look at providing Kits to child care providers and programs, especially those serving CalWORKs and teen parents, foster parents, Neonatal Intensive Care Units at hospitals, and home visiting programs.

Much of the day's discussion was about the State General Fund reductions and hiring freeze. Staff outlined the impact of those reductions on staffing and operations and presented suggestions for increased efficiency. It was decided that CDPAC will no longer mail out minutes each month but will instead, post them on our website and include a reminder that they have been posted with our meeting notice. Pursuant to Section 11124 of the Government Code, notice of meetings will continue to be mailed to all people who request notification and return the request form attached to these minutes. Notice will be provided electronically to those who so indicate on the form. Individuals and organizations not returning the request forms will be dropped from CDPAC's mailing list and can access information through our website [www.cdpac.ca.gov](http://www.cdpac.ca.gov).

After some discussion of conference workshops, speakers and format, there was great excitement about how the conference is taking shape for February 5-7, 2002. Staff reported that sponsorship opportunities still exist at many different levels.

The December 6<sup>th</sup> CDPAC meeting will provide a more in-depth examination of some of the remaining questions to be answered as the child care reform effort moves forward. The agenda will be developed based on consultation with the Women's Caucus.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30.